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**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated September 8, 2005, setting a shortened statutory period for response of 3 months (response due December 8, 2005). Because this response is being filed on December 8, 2005, no additional fees are believed required. If, however, any additional fees are due related to the filing of this Response, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0265.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following comments in examining the present application.